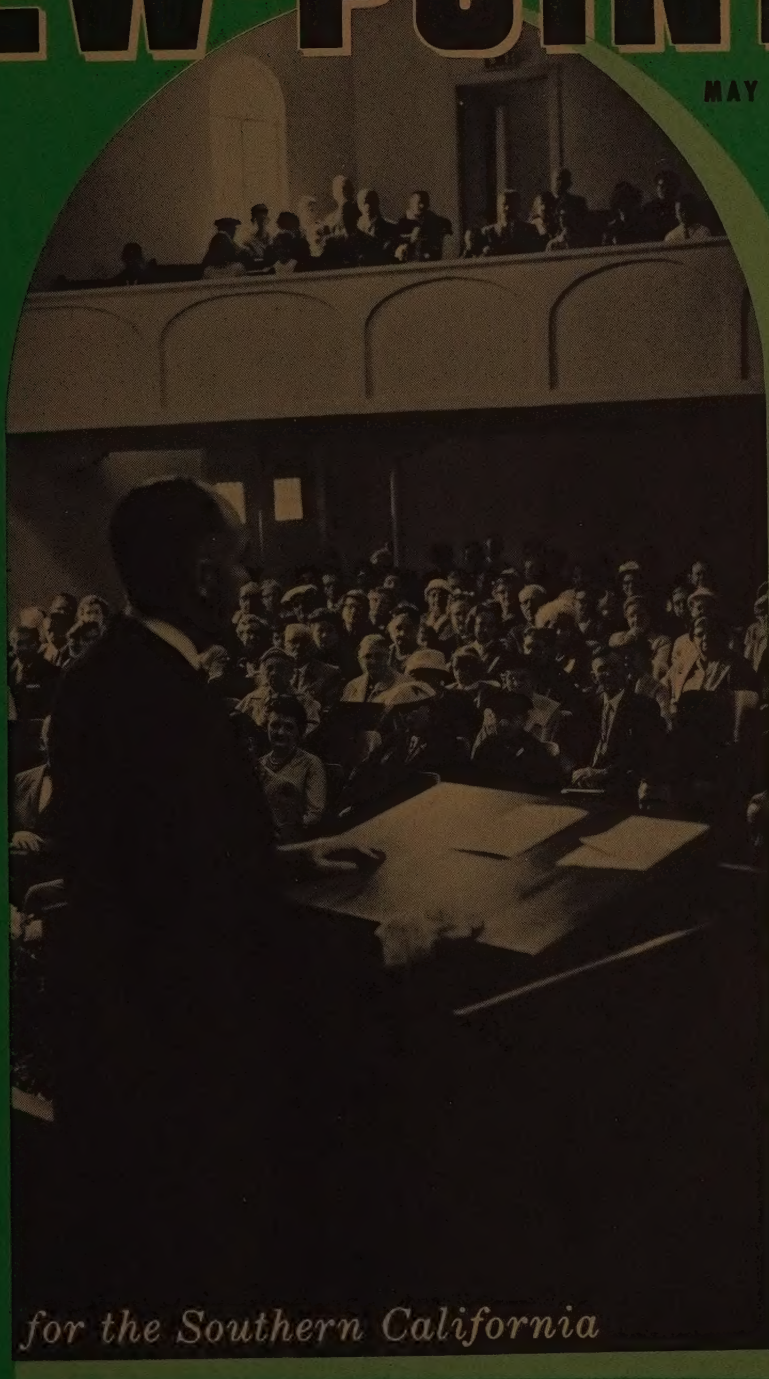


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YOUR WILL POWER

There is power in your will, in more ways than one. It is no accident that the same word applies to the choice-making aspect of life and also to the testament by which one bequeaths his estate. Personal willing, enforcing the goals of Christ and His Kingdom, is power. Choosing to let life's noble choices live on after death through a Christian will is power.

A large percentage of church people need to stir themselves to immediate and positive action at two points:

First, make a will. Approximately 70% of Americans have no will. To make a will is simple and inexpensive. Failure to have a will may lead (and often does) to great tragedy for the surviving family or heirs. Ask your pastor for the little pamphlet, "Peter Didn't Leave a Will", by Catherine Marshall. (A supply can be obtained from Unified Promotion). Better still, reserve the film, "Treasures in Heaven", from the Area Office and use it at a church dinner in your church. Above all, if you have not made a will, don't delay. Do so at once!

Second, consider what you wish to give to Christ's Church as a final act of Christian stewardship. Some people decide to tithe their estate as well as their income. Others discover that the church has greater needs than any other possible heirs and bequeath to it more substantial amounts.

Have you seriously assayed your will power? Let your willing the Christian way of life be felt when you are gone. Make a will. Make a Christian will. *

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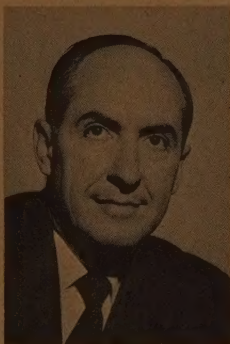
In its tenth decade of service, First Christian in San Bernardino will round out a full century in 1958. In this its 93rd year, its ministry is shared by Gilford E. Olmsted and William Martin.

Viewing church membership as commitment to Christ, special effort is put forth to reach and involve every person whose name is in the church roll. This is quite different from striking names from the roll after so many months or a few years. Here church leadership is obligated to reach, reach and keep on reaching so that every person faces his own discipleship.

If you look carefully at San Bernardino you'll see that this is the only congregation which erected a new church in the mid-thirties. Twenty years later the facilities were completed with an education building and off-street parking. Very recently the chancel was remodeled with the sanctuary redecorated and the seats rearranged.

Church members here have grown steadily in stewardship and in outreach giving. As the 1960's began the congregation not alone cared for her own growing needs. In a venture called their "50/50 Program" they purchased a site for a second Christian Church in which they commissioned a core-group of able leaders; they gave \$10,000 for the development of a seminary in Puerto Rico; they acquired property on which housing may be erected for senior citizens.

The eldership of the church includes younger men who are well rooted in the Christian life. These represent an important age-group in the congregation. Through his careful preparation, each elder



Gilford E. Olmsted
Minister

who shares the service of worship makes a rich contribution to the life of the worshipper.

For the service of worship on the Lord's Day is consistently set forth as the rallying point of all members of this congregation. The expectation that members should attend regularly has re-formed the church-going habits of scores of persons: Here is the experience in which each one—regularly—meets his Lord by appointment. Interested visitation teams go in to homes to demonstrate the importance they attach to regular worship experiences.

The congregation has young men in seminary training for the ministry. But they were the first among Southern California cooperative churches to include in their budget a substantial sum each year to go to seminaries to help meet the cost of that training.

They grow in many ways.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Gilford E. Olmsted will complete his 5th year at First Christian Church in San Bernardino in June. Previous to this pastorate he served for five years as Field Representative of the Divinity School of Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He has traveled extensively in Europe, including Russia and Palestine.

Mr. Olmsted is active in local interdenominational work as president of the San Bernardino Area Council of Churches. He is also President of the Disciples Seminary Foundation of the Christian Churches of Southern California. He is currently Vice-chairman of the Committee on Recommendations of the International Convention of Christian Churches.

His undergraduate work was completed at Drake University where he also received his M.A. His B.D. degree is from Drake Bible College (now The Divinity School of Drake University).

William H. Martin's college education was interrupted when he served his country with the Army Infantry in Europe. Upon his returning to civilian life, he earned his B.A. degree at DePauw University and S.T.B. degree at Boston University School of Theology, completing in 1952.

He has served a Migrant Ministry in Michigan as well as a Hospital Ministry in Boston, Massachusetts. He was pastor of the Beech Bottom (W. Va.) Community Christian Church from 1952-1957. He came to California to serve All People's Christian Church and Community Center as program director before becoming the Associate Minister of First Christian Church in San Bernardino in 1958. He also serves the Area Council of Churches as a chaplain at Juvenile Hall, doing counseling work. •

ABOUT THE COVER

The cover picture reveals a glimpse of the Sunday morning congregation as their minister, Gilford E. Olmsted, stands before them. Mr. Olmsted has said, "No congregation anywhere is as effective for Jesus Christ as every congregation should be. And no congregation is uniformly strong in every area of Churchmanship. First Christian in San Bernardino has responded beautifully to the challenge of solid and growing support of the total WORLD OUTREACH MISSION, and for this deepening and maturing of commitment I give sincere thanks to God."

VIEW POINTS

SHOULD THERE BE ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR CALLING A MINISTER?

I remember with deep emotion how an elder stopped me in the foyer after I had been in a new pastorate for less than a month and said to me, "We made an appointment with a minister to fill the pulpit for a try-out when he was on his way to the International Convention. Could he speak?" You can imagine the consternation of a new pastor, but I mustered courage and said, "I have accepted the call to this pastorate, and I have begun my work here. I intend to continue my sermons." Needless to say the elder saw to it that the applicant was belatedly informed that a minister had been called, and that their pulpit was now filled. This is a rare example, I hope, of the way in which the important service of calling a minister is accomplished.

The ethical standards need to be high in any relationship within the church. Certainly the crucial period of calling a new pastor should demand the prayerful and efficient insight of the entire church. The calling of a new pastor begins with the full and complete resignation of the former pastor. It is ethical, but unwise, for any member of the congregation to seek out the counsel of the former pastor concerning possible choices of a new pastor, as well as many other services they might seek from the former pastor. But the former pastor carries the full weight of ethical responsibility in the matter of accepting these questions or services or encouraging them in any way. He should not accept any part in any way. The calling of a new pastor will be done in complete adequacy without any suggestion from the former pastor.

The ethical standards for a Board of Elders loom large as the period opens in seeking a new pastor. Most churches realize that the entire congregation is served by the pastor. Therefore, the Elders or the Official Board selects a Pulpit Committee with a cross section of the membership included and with at least one woman on the committee. The first responsibility of this committee should be to seek the best counsel possible in finding an adequate minister. This is their ethical responsibility as they represent the congregation. The Executive Secretary of the Area Office represents the Brotherhood in this area. He has information and advice which is needed before any church enters into full work in the selection and call of a new pastor, and often a community survey will help the church. The committee has the full responsibility of receiving names from any and

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B. FRANK CRON, MINISTER
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA

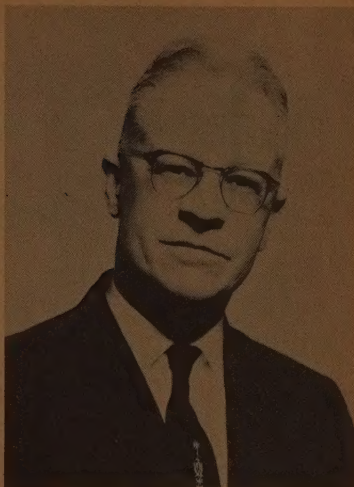
every source available. There will be direct applications, suggestions from members of the church and suggestions from established pastors of the area. Although all these suggestions will come, it is still the final and irrevocable responsibility of the Pulpit Committee to seek the counsel of the Area Executive Secretary. He can assist them in making wise choices, and many times will suggest several names from which the committee may select their first choice. They also will ask for information on any names they have procured. This is a wise procedure and can save years of hardship in a church. Also, the Executive Secretary will have access to the large files of the National Ministerial Services Department, wherein full information is kept on ministers of the Brotherhood. Here are men in full service and with excellent records who for very genuine and good reasons feel that a new field will offer new opportunities for service in the Kingdom.

With all the names and information before them the committee will decide which minister interests them most. Contacts from this point proceed with only one minister at a time. The committee may finally recommend that he be called. On the other hand, either the committee or the candidate may terminate considerations at any time. In this event the committee will choose another person as their top candidate and proceed with him. This is certainly fair to all concerned, and avoids the tragedy of competition between several prospective pastors at one time, which has no place in the Christian Church or anywhere in the Kingdom.

The final step of the Pulpit Committee would be to recommend a minister to the Elders, Official Board, and congregation for final approval. In each church there can and will be minor differences in procedure, but the main purpose must be the same. To call a minister is an act of divine proportion. The guidance of prayer and the close counsel of able leaders of the Brotherhood must be the basic foundation. The new pastor is serving the church of your community. He is also serving a church of the Brotherhood. Let us act in the larger responsibility

The Church Beyond Your Town

ASSEMBLY SPEAKER WILL
STIMULATE DISCIPLE THOUGHT



Two months of this church year remain. May and June, 1961 will be of vast importance to the work of your church beyond your town. Business and Christian service throughout the entire world depend largely on what you believe and what you, with your fellow members of the congregation, do for others." As a responsible Disciple your fullest intended stewardship should be expressed by June 30.

The Second Year

Yet as a responsible Disciple, each of us will also want to make adequate commitments for the new year beginning July 1. It is the second in the Program of Advance for the 1960's. However fine your personal stewardship of money, an inadequate commitment by your church as a corporate body may invalidate your convictions about world outreach support.

So that leaders in every congregation could be informed well in advance of the needs for 1961-62, the United Outreach Conferences were held in the Spring. For the 27 churches who had no representative in these district meetings the department of Budgets and Promotion has offered to make single-church visits.

In those Outreach Conferences copies of a United Outreach Workbook were provided for 15 leaders in each congregation. This book told the story of Christian work needed to carry on the world-wide mission by Southern California churches. In addition, the suggested outreach giving for that church was included.

A Shared Outreach Dollar

Southern California, national and world leaders have agreed, for the first time, to a proportionate division of all outreach funds for 1961-62.

Of the total given by all groups

in any congregation, 70% should be for the "operating" or the on-going program. In no event however, should the giving for 1961-62 be less than for 1960-61. Another 27% of the total should be for the "capital" programs: new buildings, major improvements, equipment—all around the world as well as in Southern California. The remaining 3% should be directed to interdenominational work. These plans and agreements have been worked through carefully by the department of Budgets and Promotion.

After July 1, 1961, a single remittance for "operating" and "capital" may be sent to Unified Promotion, which will distribute the proper share to every cause, national and Southern California.

An Important Decision

By their agreement to the above procedure, each agency is saying to every other agency that all are together in their Kingdom service. No longer are they competitive; each is also concerned with the other's well being. They are ready to live by this facet of the principle: The Church is One!

Only as the churches respond with increased offerings for outreach work can this be a beneficial procedure. Members of the congregation who are concerned with the whole church will want to be sure that commitments for next year reflect their congregation's increased acceptance of outreach responsibility in the second year of the Decade of Decision.

In order that every congregation may receive proper recognition at the Southern California Assembly at Orange, "Acceptances" from the churches are needed by June 15, at the latest. The forms to be completed are in the Workbook provided in the Spring Outreach Conferences. *

Dr. Alfred T. DeGroot will stimulate the members and delegates of the Christian Churches next June when he speaks before the 73rd Annual Assembly in Orange.

Presented to the public for the first time will be provocative material which Dr. DeGroot has assembled under the titles: "The Nature of the Church," "The Life of the Church," "The Goal of the Church." His book containing much of this material will be released this June.

Dr. DeGroot is a distinguished professor at the Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas. Formerly he was Dean of Chapman College.

He will speak each day at the Assembly which runs from Wednesday evening, June 21, through Sunday, June 25. On KTLA, channel 5, Dr. DeGroot will represent the Christian Churches in a discussion, "Training for the Ministry." The program, "In God We Trust," will be a thirty minute broadcast beginning at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, June 25.

In announcing Dr. DeGroot's coming to Southern California, Rev. Dwaine Cerbin, Assembly President, also released the following information on where the three keynote speakers will preach on Sunday, June 25:

Dr. Virgil Sly
East Side Long Beach Christian Church
John W. Messer, pastor
674 Obispo Ave., Long Beach

Dr. Raymond F. McCallister
First Christian Church of Alhambra
James Hempstead, pastor
225 South 4th St., Alhambra

Dr. Alfred T. DeGroot
South Bay Christian Church
Dwaine Cerbin, pastor
408 Vincent, Redondo Beach

INSPIRATION POINT

No Man is Saved

Until He is Generous

THRICE FIE

UPON US

Under the above title, Dr. Granville T. Walker, pastor of University Christian Church in Fort Worth, Texas, wrote in a recent issue of the Minister's BULLETIN:

"On the day of Judgment the issue is not going to be what a lot of people think it will be. Not if Jesus is to be taken seriously in some of his major parables."

Then Dr. Walker continues to study the parable of Lazarus and Dives. He notes that in the story of the Good Samaritan, "The man himself came face to face with the needs of the fellow who lay dying in the ditch and personally did what he could about it. He got involved in the man's situation himself. . .

"Dives' fault was probably that Lazarus had become such a familiar part of the scenery of his everyday life, that he he got used to him and had no real compassion on him. He became so accustomed to the terrible plight of Lazarus—sore and all—that when he looked upon him he didn't any longer feel sick inside. That was a bad day. He made a gesture of generosity with his crumbs (that had become a habit, too) but deep inside he wasn't any longer moved, didn't care. . .

"Taking all these facts together, one comes up with an inescapable conclusion. Read

the parables again—The Good Samaritan, the Last Judgment, Lazarus and Dives—and they all say the same thing. *No man is saved until he is generous.* You can baptize a man to the very bottom of the river, but if he does not come up generous and kind, you have only got him wet. This is something which some do not seem to see. They are prepared to settle for less than Christ was ready to settle for. . .

"No man is saved until he is merciful. No man is saved until he is kind. No man is saved until he is compassionate!" •

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ASSURANCE

Not metal compass, stars, nor sun
Can guide the spirit daring the unknown,

So that the journey may be safely run;

This venture hangs upon one Power alone.

When labyrinth of inmost tangled thought

Gives wilderness outside its counterpart,

Then must the certain and the true be sought,

And one Voice only counsel the deep heart.

By day, by night, we go not anywhere

But in His world, surrounded by His care!

—Elinor Lennen

Today was one of those days. Or was it the day? Perhaps it was because we are so involved in membership records that I hastened to make these particular calls. Perhaps it was because this was non-resident member month in our Brotherhood, and other churches thought to write us concerning people on their rolls but now in our community.

At any rate, I made two calls expecting in each instance to find people new to our neighborhood. But what should greet me but "For Sale" sign. The name on the mail holder was weather-dimmed. How long they have lived there, do not know. There was no one home.

Somewhat less enthusiastically, I headed for the next stop. Here I was to meet someone from my home state. I located the street (after a little doubling back), glanced down the row of houses—3426—that was the number. It should be about right there. And guess what? "For Sale"! The occupants had a vague recollection of the party I sought. They were the "family before last", was told.

"Thrice Fie Upon Us" Christian pastors. I'm as ready as the next one to complain about non-resident members but don't you think there is something more to this than irresponsible lay persons? Excuse me, we've some more work to do on our membership records. •

—Richard G. Davis, Pastor
Vista La Mesa Christian Church
La Mesa, California

DAN MARTIN, JR.

Ten year old Dan Martin came to the kitchen, slamming the door as any ten year old might do, yelling loudly, "Mom, what is a Junior Camp?"

Dan's mother came into the kitchen knowing it was time to prepare an after-school snack because Dan had been to a meeting of juniors at the church and was sure to be hungry.

"Mom, what is a Junior Camp?" Dan asked again.

"I don't know, son. Where did you hear about a Junior Camp?"

"At the meeting this afternoon, Mrs. Mitchell asked how many would like to go to Junior Camp again this summer and all the kids shouted that they wanted to go. They said they had a swell time last summer."

"What else did Mrs. Mitchell say about it?" asked Dan's mother.

"She said we were to ask our parents," said Dan.

"Well, son, I have heard of junior camping but I don't know what it would be like. I will call the minister of our church tomorrow and see what I can find out."

Summer vacations were over when the Martin family had moved into the area. They were just now getting acquainted in the Christian Church and Dan was in the fifth grade class with Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Smither as co-teachers.

A phone call the next day to the minister gave the Martin family the following information about junior camping.

The summer before, a group of six girls and eight boys from the fifth and sixth grades, with Mrs. Mitchell and Mr. Smither as counselors, had attended a Junior Camp which was sponsored by the Department of Christian Education of the Christian Churches of Southern California. The camp was held at the Ventura County YMCA (Pine

Valley). Groups of boys and girls with men and women counselors came from eleven Christian Churches; the camp numbering about seventy persons.

The minister told Mrs. Martin that the program is one of "creative camping". Juniors and counselors from one church live together in family units. Together, they develop a "home in the woods" and there they play and work and worship.

"Goodness," said Mrs. Martin, "do the children live in the woods?"

"No," said the minister, "they live in well-built dormitories. The 'home in the woods' is a part of the experience of living in a Christian community. Each family unit finds a place away from the central part of the camp—here, they can be together. The counselors and juniors will get so well acquainted that problems in living together are sure to develop. When problems arise the group will learn to work them out in a satisfactory

way—the result being a true experience of living in a Christian community."

Some things are learned better in the out-of-doors; some in the church. In the Junior Camp the child will LIVE the principles of Christian teaching, while in the church we TALK about them.

"Mrs. Martin, I hope Dan will go to Junior Camp this summer," said the minister. "He will enjoy the hiking, swimming, games and cook-outs. The food is nourishing and a nurse looks after the health and safety of all in camp. We intend to send a group of fifth and sixth graders (of this school term). Let us know if Dan can be one of the group."

Registrations for family units of eight or ten juniors with a man and a woman counselor are open to all churches, for a Junior Camp to be held at Pine Valley, June 26—July 1, 1961. Boys and girls must be in the fifth or sixth grades in this school term. The fee is \$25.00, and registrations are to be made through Mrs. Harsin's office, 3126 Los Feliz Boulevard, Los Angeles 39. Phone NOmandy 5-5126.

Training of counselors is planned and this information is available upon request. •



FAMILY ALBUM

ALHAMBRA, WESTCHESTER ADD 330 NEW MEMBERS



Shown is the evangelism organization of the Alhambra Church. Seated (left to right) are James K. Hempstead, pastor, and Jack Hawkins, chairman of the Evangelism Department. Standing (left to right) are Majors: Ellen Weddle, Henry Enoch, D. A. Worrell, Howard Martin, Nelson Mosson, and Cecile Pascoe.

By a remarkable coincidence, the First Christian Church of Alhambra and the Westchester Christian Church have each added 165 new members as the result of a Bayne Driskill comprehensive evangelism program. Dr. Driskill was with the Alhambra Church during the week of February 26 and with the Westchester Church during the week of March 5. He met with each church last Fall to set the program in motion. Pastors James K. Hempstead and Thomas J. Gibbs, each a recognized evangelistic leader

in his own right, both expressed appreciation for the fine program, as did many leaders from the participating churches.

An area-wide comprehensive evangelism program under the personal direction of Dr. Driskill is being planned by the Area Department of Evangelism for 1962-63. Churches are urged to plan ahead for this timely program which will be set up in the Fall and which will bring in outstanding guest leaders in the early months of 1963.



Pictured above are 34 of the 165 members who were added to the Westchester Christian Church as the result of the Driskill program. During Rev. Gibbs' nine-year ministry, 1,786 new members have been received.

A CHRISTIAN WILL

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney had been life-long members and had been active and concerned in many areas of the church life. Mrs. Whitney survived and left a will in which she left Chapman College her home property, designated other of her community interests and bequeathed her church a specific proportion of her estate. In February the estate was closed and the First Christian Church of Orange received a check for \$14,794.44. She completed this in counsel with her minister, a representative from the college and her attorney.

In this way, the Whitneys' influence continues to live on for Christ's Kingdom.

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THANK YOU

Fullerton, First—Many times kindnesses which cost us nothing return with very tangible rewards. Recently the church received this note of appreciation from the staff of the Fullerton Public Library:

Dear Friends:

The members of the Library Staff who have used your parking lot for the past year wish to thank you for allowing us this privilege.

We would like to give you the enclosed \$35.00 as a donation toward the purchase of hymnals, or some useful books for your church.

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LOCH LEVEN PROPERTY GROWS

A three-lot parcel on the southwest corner of Loch Leven Conference Grounds has been purchased at a cost of \$1,800, according to David Kagiwada. This action was taken by the Camp Grounds Department to increase the usefulness of the lower section of the grounds and to protect the grounds from undesirable commercial encroachment.

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CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN HOME

Work is progressing steadily on the new convalescent center and the residents of the Home enjoy the opportunity to watch the building take form. Meanwhile a group of the guests, under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Wester, have made a number of trips to give programs for the Churches. Within a period of a few weeks they went to Delhaven, North Hollywood, Glendora, Porterville, and Santa Paula.

The two newest guests to come to the Home are: Mrs. Leita Harvuot from Hollywood-Beverly, and Mrs. Mae Thomas from Wilshire. At this writing there are one hundred and nine members in residence.

SANCTUARY UNDERGOES REMODELING

First Christian Church in Ontario started in late January to remodel its sanctuary, and through the development to Eastertime, the front of the sanctuary was remodeled into a divided chancel.

Remodeling should be completed July 1 and will include new lighting fixtures, new carpets, changing the pews from two center aisles to one, repainting the sanctuary and a new sound system.

The pastor, Byron F. Mayfield, says that the building committee has been headed by Dr. Maurice Long and Keith Larick, with contractor's duties borne by Eugene DeYoung, also a member of the church.

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OPEN HOUSE SLATED

Mother's Day, May 14, will be the occasion for Loch Leven Open House. Families are invited to come to the grounds on Sunday afternoon to share in guided tours of the grounds and a dedication service for the newly completed cabins.

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MEXICO CARAVAN - JULY 3-30

The Mexico Caravan will return to our mission at Pabellon, Mexico for work camp on July 3-30. High school youth may secure applications from their ministers. Mr. Harry Nissen, minister of the Glendora church, will lead this group. The cost is approximately \$225.00.

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SUN VALLEY C.W.F. SOLVES A PROBLEM

The Sun Valley Christian Women's Fellowship is working on a new approach to the senior citizen problem. One of their groups is composed largely of women past sixty and in varying degrees of good health. Most cannot drive and find it difficult to get out to meetings or to fellowship affairs. Mrs. Delpha Rider and Mrs. Evalyn Hixon are working out a series of trips, parties, and picnics and have enlisted the aid of younger women who are willing to pause in their busy lives and act as chauffeurs for the "Elder Lovelies". One trip was to visit the "Queen for a Day" television program; another took them down to Farmer's Market; another to a Christmas party at Mrs. Hixon's home in Tujunga; and the latest was a picnic at beautiful Descanso Gardens. More fun is planned. The ladies have responded joyously and feel that someone really does care about them being a part of Christian Women's Fellowship.

ANNUAL C.M.F. RALLY

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Dr. Ewart H. Wyle conducted a preaching mission at the First Christian Church in Chula Vista which concluded on Palm Sunday. Dr. Wyle is the pastor of the Torrey Pines Christian Church in LaJolla and joined the pastor of the Chula Vista Church, Anor Emerson, in this week of preaching.

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South Pasadena Christian Church has announced another gift of \$5,000 for its building fund. Dr. Ira L. Ketcham writes, "We now have \$32,500 and by June 1 will have our \$35,000. We are now engaging architects, looking toward ground breaking during the summer."

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When HARRY BERG presented his resignation in early February, the Second Christian Church in Bakersfield asked DR. TRAVERCE HARRISON to preach for them on Sundays. In addition to his duties as the executive secretary for the Council of Churches in Bakersfield, Dr. Harrison works part time on the staff of the First Christian Church.

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Easter preparation took an unusual turn for the pastor of the Christian Church in Taft. QUENTIN MITCHELL became ill with pneumonia about the middle of March and spent five days in the hospital after which he recuperated at home. He was able to preach on Easter Sunday, however.



Dennis Savage, (right) President, Board of Directors, Christian Churches of Southern California and Dr. James Parrott, Executive Secretary, read words of greeting on Open House Day, March 18, when Area Office and Bethany Bookstore were dedicated.

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HELPING HOLIDAY

Saturday, May 13, will be the date of the Spring Loch Leven Helping Holiday. George Robb of Arlington is chairman of the event which will provide church groups with an opportunity to lend a hand at preparing the conference grounds for summer use.

Men's fellowships and adult classes may plan now to undertake a project, furnishing cost of materials and voluntary labor. Groups may come in on Friday night for lodging and work Saturday. Cost for the weekend per person will be \$2.00 for lodging and two meals. Write to "Helping Holiday" Rt. 1, Box 274, Mentone, California.

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JARMANS WILL RETURN TO U.S.

In the summer of 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jarman made the important decision to resign the pastorate at First Christian Church in Santa Maria in order to accept a fraternal ministry with the church in Kircuddy, Scotland, near Edinburgh.

Letters from the Jarmans have come occasionally to their friends and now they look forward to returning to the United States next summer. After the unusual and enriching Scottish experience, the Jarmans are prepared to render further, outstanding service.

AREA ASSEMBLY, June 21-25 at CHAPMAN COLLEGE, Orange

TWO LABORATORY TRAINING SCHOOLS

Two Laboratory Training Schools will be sponsored by the Children's Work Commission of the Christian Churches of Southern California this summer.

What a Lab School Will Do For Church School Teachers

The Lab Schools will provide opportunities for observing others at work with children. Teachers will learn new skills. There will be opportunities to use these skills with boys and girls. Direct conversation with a group of children and how to make use of the contribution of each child will be developed. Teachers will learn how to evaluate a session with children and how to evaluate their own teaching ability. Instruction will be given on the best use of Bethany Curriculum Materials.

Places and Dates

Pre-School Lab for teachers of three and four-year-olds will be held in the First Christian Church, 6750 Lindley Avenue, Reseda, on May 1-3 from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The registration is \$4.00.

Summer Lab for teachers of three-year-olds through sixth grade will be held in the First Christian Church, 4055 Jurupa Avenue, Riverside, on June 26-30 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The registration is \$6.50.

A supervised program of activities and recreation is planned for all children attending with student teachers.

Registration blanks are available from your minister or the Area Office, 3126 Los Feliz Boulevard, Los Angeles 39.

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JULY 19-21

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FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, SEE THE APRIL ISSUE OF *Christian VIEW-POINT*.

NEW PASTOR AT VISTA

Frank E. Wodell, formerly pastor of the Beaumont, California, First Christian Church accepted the pastorate of the First Christian Church of Vista and began serving there April 19. Plans are underway for a service of installation for Mr. and Mrs. Wodell as they have come to Vista.

Dr. Marshall dePoister served the Vista congregation as interim minister for the previous several months.

WHITELY CALLED TO BELL

Barrett Whitely has become the permanent minister of the First Christian Church in Bell, and the formal service was held on Sunday morning, April 16. He had served the church as its interim minister since the retirement of A. E. (Bob) Worthy in the Fall of 1960.

Southern Californians will remember Mr. Whitely for his service with the First Christian Church in Hemet from whence he went to Indianapolis. At what is now Christian Theological Seminary he received his B.D. degree. Upon his return to Southern California with his family, he worked in church architecture and in community surveys. At the same time he served as minister ad interim.

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ROY MARTINDALE NEW CHURCH FEDERATION PRESIDENT

A member and elder of Wilshire Christian Church, Roy Martindale has become the president of the Church Federation of Los Angeles. During the past twenty-five years he has served several times as a director of the Federation which he now heads.

Service Awards

The Church Federation also recognized three outstanding church leaders in the annual meeting. These are:

Mrs. Charles O. Goodwin, church school teacher, first woman president of the Official Board of the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church and a lady with deep concerns for ecumenical relationships. Formally serving with the National Council of Churches and the World Council, Mrs. Goodwin has been an active member in the Disciple Homes Corporation which has established Bethany Towers.

The Rev. Leonidas C. Contos, dean of the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral for ten years.

Edward P. Eckdahl, member of the Augustana Lutheran Church and a member of the executive committee of the National Board of American Missions.

KELLISON ENDOWMENT FUND COMPLETED



Dr. and Mrs. M. Owen Kellison have just completed the "Kellison Permanent Endowment Fund" at Chapman College in the amount of \$10,000.

When Dr. Kellison retired in 1952 as the Provost of Chapman College, he and Mrs. Kellison decided that a worthy project for their retirement years would be to establish the "Mary Jean Kellison Memorial Scholarship Fund" in memory of their first-born daughter who had died at the age of nine. They had dedicated her to the mission field before she was born. With the establishment of this memorial scholarship fund at Chapman College for missionary candidates, they hoped to fulfill their dreams by training other young people for missionary work. This fund was completed about five years ago and several young people have already received the Mary Jean Kellison scholarship. Miss Mary Jo Bray of Coachella Valley is currently receiving this scholarship award.

Having completed this \$10,000 scholarship fund, and knowing that the tuition covers only about half of the total cost of educating a student, the Kellisons started the "Kellison Permanent Endowment Fund" as a matching fund. The annual income from this fund will go into the general operating funds of the college to pay the other half of the cost of educating the missionary candidate who receives the Mary Jean Kellison scholarship.

These two \$10,000 funds are appreciated by Chapman College and the students who have, and will, benefit from them. Chapman College also appreciates the gifts from friends and churches to these funds, but more than that, it appreciates the dedication of the Kellisons who, in their retirement years, have so nobly demonstrated their stewardship to the cause of Christ to which they long ago dedicated their lives.

CAMP AND CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 20.

BPW MEET AT THE HOME

ROSEMEAD, May 27—The California Christian Home will be the center of activity for the Business and Professional Women's meeting, with the old and newly elected executive committee planning together. All BPW's will meet together for a picnic lunch in the arbor, then adjourn to the chapel for a program with members of the Home. Provision will be made for possible inclement weather.

HARBOR-BAY C.W.F. PRESIDENTS' MEETING

In February, Itoka Maeda, missionary to Okinawa, met and visited with residents and first vice-presidents of the Harbor-Bay District C.W.F. groups. It was a privilege to meet her and the groups were grateful that she took time from her study to be with them.

"Programs for the General C.W.F. meeting" was the subject for discussion at the business meeting. Each fellowship told about the most interesting programs it has had during the year and about plans for future programs. There was 100 per cent attendance of the thirteen churches in this district.

Mrs. John Denker, president of the Bellflower C.W.F., and Mrs. C. L. Steen were hostesses for the meeting which was held in the home of Mrs. Steen.

FOR ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

Above, Dr. and Mrs. Edward H. Hashinger present a check for \$500 to Dr. and Mrs. Ewart H. Wyle. Provided through the Battenfield Foundation, this gift will enable the Southern California Ministerial Association and the Ministers' Wives Association to invite outstanding churchmen to lead these groups in annual retreats.

This particular lectureship will be known as the "Torrey Pines Christian Church Lectureship". The donors plan to make this gift annually and they hope that two other churches in the State will follow the example to provide an outstanding opportunity and growth for ministers and their wives in the years ahead.

Church, North Hollywood.

Preaching from the pulpit each day at noon will be Dr. Raymond F. McCallister.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. Arthur Hixon, pastor, First Christian Church, Sun Valley, will lead the traditional communion service. Over three thousand worshippers are expected to attend in the Santa Ana Junior College gymnasium.

In bringing the Assembly to a fitting close, President Cerbin will present an echo of the first evening's dialogue with Drs. DeGroot, Sly, and McCallister. This will be the climax for those who have been able to attend the entire time and for those who are able to attend only the weekend sessions.

"Will you begin now," requests the President, "to pray for our Assembly, that God may truly be in our midst! If we begin now to pray for those who take part from all of our churches, our Assembly will be a worship experience from beginning to end."



WILSHIRE CHURCH HONORS RETIRED MISSIONARIES

Foreign Missions Sunday, March 5, was a memorable day for Wilshire. Retired missionaries living in the area were invited to be guests and were presented at the morning worship service. This was followed by a coffee hour in Fellowship Hall. A surprise check was presented to Wilshire's retired Living Link missionary, Miss Lois Anna Ely.

A dinner at Manning's Coffee Shop, hosted by Wilshire members, followed activities at the church.

Those present were: Dr. Royal J. Dye and daughter Polly, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Atherton, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Pierson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fonger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Stipp, Mr. and Mrs. John Bierma, Mrs. C. C. Drummond, Miss Lulu Garton, Miss Lois Anna Ely, Mrs. Nina D. Hoyne, Miss Cammie Gray, Miss Grace Tedford and Mrs. W. L. Mellinger and daughter Margaret.

Co-chairmen John and Florence Staton of the World Outreach Department and Miss Rexie E. Bennett promoted the project which is an annual function. Dr. M. Owen Kellison is ad interim minister at Wilshire.

LOCAL CHURCH SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

"The Spiritual Life—Prayer or Pilgrimage?" was the theme of a Spiritual Life Retreat, sponsored by the First Christian Church of Whittier, March 17 and 18.

Forty-six people responded to the invitation to develop their spiritual life in a retreat at Loch Leven.

Leadership for this event was furnished by the ministerial staff of the church: Dr. Dallas L. Gladson, Rev. Jerry P. Jones, and Rev. Jim O. Laughrun. Mr. Laughrun, Minister of Counseling, served as director.

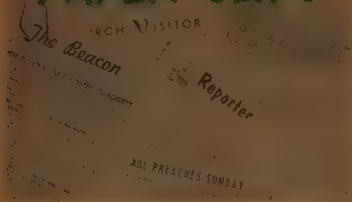
STANDING IN NEED OF PRAYER

Speaking from behind symbols of their calling—a teacher's lectern, desk and pulpit—Drs. A. T. DeGroot, Virgil Sly and Raymond F. McCallister will set the climate and stimulate the opening session of the 73rd annual Assembly of Christian Churches on Wednesday night, June 21.

In outlining this first session, President Dwaine Cerbin emphasized that the whole tone and setting of the conclave on the Chapman College campus, Orange, will be that of worship. He said, "Every session from the prayer filled opening prelude to the striking symbol of the hand of God will help each person to think and pray within the theme, 'In the Midst—God'".

Preparing for these meaningful experiences are three men who will carry the major worship responsibilities: Rev. Bill Parry, associate minister, Central Christian Church, San Diego; Rev. Dwaine Cerbin, Assembly President and pastor, South Bay Christian Church, Redondo Beach; and Rev. Ray Wallace, pastor, First Christian

PAPER CLIPS



BARSTOW—God's presence has been felt as under the Evangelism Committee we have visited all families on our responsibility list. The Lord has given us a harvest with nineteen responding to our invitations; eleven adults and eight youth. The baptismal service was on Easter Sunday. The Worship Committee lead impressive Holy Week services, with the help of interim minister Harry J. Hill.

POMONA, First—Mrs. Mollie B. Steere remembered her church in her will. Our treasurer received a check from her estate for \$250.00. For many years she taught school and had long believed in tithing.

REDONDO BEACH, South Bay—When you wish to commend a good T.V. program or register your protest about an undesirable program, write not only to the local station but also to the National network responsible for the program. The area addresses are:

ABC: Prospect and Talmadge,
Los Angeles 27

CBS: 6121 Sunset Boulevard,
Los Angeles 28

NBC: Sunset and Vine,
Los Angeles 28.

SANTA MONICA, First—Members of our congregation attended a panel discussion on "Should the Churches Unite?" on March 17, at the invitation of the Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church. Dr. Wales Smith, our minister, was on the panel along with the pastors of the Palisades Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran and Presbyterian churches.

TORRANCE, First—Dean John McCaw of the Divinity School at Drake University has asked our minister, Mr. Milton Sipple, to represent Drake at Chapman College and counsel pre-ministerial students who might be interested in attending Drake.

REDLANDS, State Street—The Kum-Join-Us-Class is now sponsoring young Kim In Ho, a Korean orphan boy living in the Pa Hoo Christian Orphanage. He will be eight years old on May 27 and is making excellent progress in his 2nd grade studies at the Chynhyun Primary School.

RICE TO BEAUMONT

After First Christian Church in Beaumont had received the resignation of Frank Wodell as their pastor, the search of the pulpit committee lead them to Chester Rice of El Centro. With the recommendation of the pulpit committee substantiated by the congregation, Mr. and Mrs. Rice and their family moved to Beaumont and began the ministry with that congregation on March 19.

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THREE REASONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S DAY OFFERING



These three children are trying to read their first copies of one of the Christian Gospels. They are three of the thousands of persons who hear about Jesus Christ for the first time from missionaries and national leaders of Christian Churches overseas. They happen to be Chinese children. Christian missions serve thousands of their people who now live outside of China.

They might be African children, or Indian, Thai, or Latin American children. They could be three of the 25,000 boys and girls who attend Sunday schools of the Christian Churches overseas, or three of the 23,000 pupils enrolled in schools sponsored by the Christian Churches.

These youngsters could be three of the thousands who are served by Disciples of Christ through united churches and union missions in Nepal, Okinawa, the Philippines, Japan and Haiti. They are just three of the thousands of reasons for the Children's Day Offering. This special offering helps to make Christ known to people around the world.

The Children's Day Offering helps to support all causes participating in Unified Promotion, the unified outreach of Christian Churches. Materials for the Children's Day observance may be ordered from Unified Promotion, Box 19036, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

VOCATION TO BE THURSDAY'S EMPHASIS AT QUADRENNIAL

One of the features of the Second Quadrennial Assembly at Purdue University, July 19-23 will be the Thursday program on "Vocation". It is part of the Quadrennial theme: "Choose Ye This Day."

Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson of Washington, D.C. will be the featured speaker. She was named "Church woman of the Year (Religious Heritage)" in 1960, and is the wife of a Lutheran clergyman. In 1959 Mrs. Nelson spoke at rallies of the Protestant Women of the Chapel in Europe. She is the author of four books: "The Christian Woman," "The Woman Beautiful," "Here am I, Lord," and "God's Song in my Heart." A platform program (including Mrs. Nelson's address) will confront women with the problems in the area of vocation. This will be followed by a dramatic presentation by a Texas group led by Ralph Stone of Fort Worth.

In the afternoon the small "Let's Talk About It" groups will discuss possible decisions women make in everyday life relating to vocation, homemaking and child education, gainful employment; church and community activities.

Other emphases of the Quadrennial will be "Stewardship", "Outreach" and "Commitment". Registrations will be received until June 1, and the fee of \$45 includes board and room for four days, program materials, sickness and accident insurance, transportation on the campus and a variety of service incidentals. Over 4500 Disciple women will be attending this Second Quadrennial.

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ANNUAL SALARY SURVEY RELEASED

Just before Easter the Department of the Ministry completed its annual survey on church salaries and placed its findings before the ministers and the chairmen of boards of the churches of Southern California.

The current survey comes from the response of 94 churches. Fifteen of these have membership of 800 or more, 37 have a membership between 300 and 800, and 42 of them have less than 300 membership. The average time that the senior minister of the two larger groups of churches have been in their present pastorates are 6.1 years and 6.2 years. However, the average time in present position for the pastors of the third group is 2.6 years.

The survey includes data in several other areas on behalf of the senior minister, as well as associate ministers, directors of Christian education, and other members of church staffs: organists, choir directors, office secretaries and custodians.

CHAPMAN COLLEGE

NCAA Play-Offs

The basketball team, coached by Don Perkins, for the fifth straight year was selected to participate in the West Coast NCAA play-offs which were held in Santa Barbara on March 10 and 11.

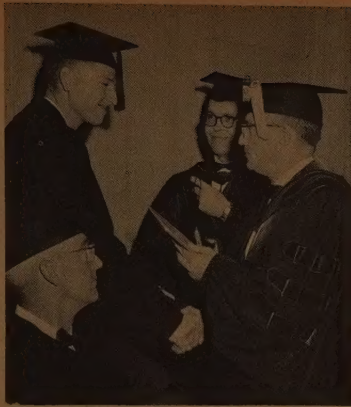
Centennial Library Fund Grows

The Centennial Library begins to look like a reality with ground breaking set for November 1. The student body, faculty and staff, trustees, and governors are all working for 100% participation of their groups. All are over the 50% mark, with the student body leading in the number of pledges; the governors leading in the amount of money at this date. Thirty-four Southern California churches have participated in the Library Fund to date.

Paul H. Demaree to Retire

On June 30, Paul H. Demaree, Director of the Evening Division and Summer School, will retire. He will be succeeded by Dr. Leo Thomas. This semester 501 are enrolled in the Evening College of which 238 are in the Graduate Division, working toward their M.A. degree. An additional 52 marines are enrolled in extensive classes held on the El Toro Marine Base.

Summer School dates are June 5-23; June 26-August 4, and August 7-25.



(L. to R.) seated, Dr. Paul H. Davis, standing, Dr. George L. Tolman, Dr. George T. Tade, Dr. John L. Davis.

Degrees Given at Founder's Day Banquet

Three honorary degrees were conferred at the Centennial Founder's Day Banquet held at the Disneyland Hotel. Dr. I. Lynd Esch, President of the Indiana Central College of Indianapolis, Indiana, received the Doctor of Divinity degree. Dr. Paul H. Davis of Los Angeles, college consultant for the Reader's Digest, and speaker of the evening at the banquet, was given the Doctor of Laws degree. Dr. George L. Tolman, minister of the First Christian Church of Orange for the past five years, was awarded the Doctor of Divinity degree.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AT CYPRESS PARK

On Sunday, March 12, former pastors, members, and friends joined in with the present membership of Cypress Park Christian Church to observe its 50th anniversary in a day filled with special worship, renewal of old friendships, and a festive hour around the banquet tables. Three former pastors and their families, and approximately 200 former members from as far away as San Diego and places in Northern California taxed the church facilities as they gathered to pay homage to the witness of this congregation through the years.

The celebration got under way at the morning worship hour when the pastor, The Rev. Mr. Thomas Stockton, preached on the subject, "Footprints in the Sands of Time". In excess of 300 people gathered about festive tables set up in every available room. At 3 p.m. all present convened in the sanctuary for the anniversary program, presided over by Rev. Willard Learned, who held the longest pastorate at Cypress Park. Two other former pastors who were recognized at this time included Rev. Otto Lee, and Rev. Harry Hill. A highlight of the afternoon was when Miss Klinker, daughter of the minister who founded this congregation in 1911, presented to the church a striking portrait which she had painted of her father.

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500 CHRISTIAN MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE \$100.00 TO \$30,000.00 TO INVEST AND WHO MAY NEED A GOOD RETURN ON THE MONEY, BUT WHO ARE WILLING TO LEAVE THE MONEY IN THE CASE OF THEIR DEATH TO THE UNDERGIRDING OF THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY. THE CHURCH AND ITS MINISTRY NEEDS THESE PEOPLE AND THESE PEOPLE NEED TO LEARN ABOUT PENSION FUND GIFT ANNUITIES.

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DEACON'S DILEMMA by Walt Stanchfield



"THANKS FOR SEEING THE KIDS TO THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM, DEACON; I HAVE TO GET HOME AND CLEAN OUT THE OLE GARAGE."

LYON INSTALLED

With youth director Richard Ober leading the service of worship, Lynn Lyon was installed as the pastor of the Garden Grove Christian Church on Sunday morning, March 19. Members of the congregation and friends from the community filled this Mid-century church to have part with the new pastor whose last pastorate had been in Salt Lake City.

Board chairman Ray Williams lead the service of installation, James McCallam represented the Orange County District, and George Tinsley, former ad interim minister of the church, offered the prayer. Area Secretary James Parrott brought the morning message.

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NEW PROMOTIONAL LEAFLET OUTLINES OUTREACH CAUSES

A new leaflet entitled, "Release Hidden Power," is being distributed by the area office for use in promotion of giving for outreach causes. The cover design, shown here, depicts symbols of power—the cross and nuclear energy.

The purpose of this broadside is to interpret the missionary, benevolent, educational and service programs which churches in this area are asked to support. Outreach goals for our churches in the area are also included, with a work-sheet for church representatives to use in figuring their giving potential and their pledge of support.

A spread of pictures highlights the various outreach causes of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). It is suggested that this picture sheet be posted on the church bulletin board for the information of all members. The leaflet is designed for use in church board meetings, outreach committees, fellowship groups and church school classes.

Copies of the leaflet, "Release Hidden Power," are available, free of charge, from the area office.

COMING EVENTS

- May 1 USC Dist. Training - San Diego
- 1,2 CWF President's Conference - Pacific Palisades
- 1-3 Pre-school Laboratory Training School - Reseda
- 3 Urban Church
- 3 USC Dist. Training - San Fernando-Kern
- 4 Budgets & Prom. Rel.
- 4 USC Dist. Training - Metropolitan
- 4 Membership Department
- 4 Decade of Decision
- 5 May Fellowship Day
- 6 Social Action Briefing Conferences - Pico Arlington, Fullerton First
- 6 CMF Spring Rally - Chapman College
- 7 Observation Teaching School - University San Diego
- 8 VIEW-POINT Commission
- 8 USC Dist. Training - San Gabriel
- 9 New Church Advance
- 10 USC Dist. Training - Harbor Bay
- 11 USC Dist. Training - Orange
- 15 USC Dist. Training - San Diego
- 16 Board of Directors
- 17 USC Dist. Training - San Fernando-Kern
- 18 CWF Institute - Coastal
- 18 USC Dist. Training - Metropolitan
- 19 CWF Institute - Harbor Bay, Wilmington
- 19-21 YAF Conference - Camp Hess Kramer
- 20 Deadline for Camp and Conference Registrations
- 20,21 CMF Area Exec. Exploratory Retreat - Loch Leven
- 22 CWF Inst. - San Gabriel
- 22 VIEW-POINT Commission
- 23 Churchman's Foundation
- 24 CWF Institute - San Bernardino-Riv., Riverside
- 25 Exec. & Program Comm., Area Assembly
- 25 CWF Inst. - San Diego-Imp. University San Diego
- 27 BPW Joint Board & Annual Prog. - Calif. Chris. Home
- 27-29 YAF Conf. - Idyllwild
- 27,28 MAF Conf. - Camp Radford
- 31 CWF Inst. - Metropolitan, McCarty Memorial

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The interim ministry at Baldwin Park Christian Church is being ably filled by PAUL D. (for "Dad") KENNEDY.

HUNTINGTON PARK COUNTS NOSES



(L. to R.) Rev. Clark Robbins, Census Dir., Rev. James T. Smith, Distribution Sec. for Amer. Bible Soc., and Dr. LeVern Freeman.

"Sunday, February 5, is hereby designated Religious Census Day! With this public proclamation the Huntington Park City Council alerts the city to watch for the army of 61 Christian volunteers who would count noses.

The Ministerial Association, representing fourteen churches, worked many months in close cooperation to organize the successful census which left its dramatic impact on the community.

The American Bible Society stepped in and, without cost to the churches, supplied for free distribution 10,000 booklets entitled, "The Sermon on the Mount". These attractive booklets were complete with a special printed jacket which welcomed the receiver to the church of his choice in the Huntington Park area.

This was a community project entered into enthusiastically by the callers and well received by those called upon. Out of the 13,000 called in one short afternoon there were 8,842 completed contacts with information obtained.

Rev. LeVern Freeman, pastor of the First Christian Church of Huntington Park and president of the Ministerial Association, feels this program was so worthwhile that he would strongly urge other California communities to adopt a similar plan. The own noticeably increasing church attendance gives concrete proof of stimulation of interest. The names of 321 people were added to the church cultivation list when First Christian was given as their preference.

The census also gave a picture of what type of total church program would be most beneficial by showing a breakdown of the number of adults, young people, and children in the community. In figures the census told this story: 4,897—Protestant, 1,816—Catholic, 79—Jewish, 486—Other faiths, 578—No preference, 717—Declined to answer.

UITE A SWITCH

When Dr. John Paul Pack preached his first sermon as pastor of Wilshire Christian Church, Los Angeles, on April 23, Dr. M. Owen Kellison began the same day as the interim minister of the University Christian Church in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Kellison had served the Wilshire Church as its interim minister since the departure of Dr. Hoke Dickson in August of 1960.

VENTURAN HONORED BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mrs. Elsie Carr has been selected as the city's Honored Lady by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce. She had been nominated by the First Christian Church of which she is a member and recommended by seven other community groups as the outstanding candidate for the annual honor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Carr have long been active in the First Christian Church of Ventura. In this recognition Mrs. Carr was credited with a series of specific achievements on behalf of the church, including service as chairman of the Education Department from 1953 until 1956, chairman of the building council in 1957, superintendent of the church school in 1959 and vice president in charge of programs for the C.W.F. As chairman of the building council, she was a leader in the relocation of the church site and the building of a new church.

Furthermore, she had been the patron of the Ventura County Juvenile Hall for several years, worked for the probation office for two years and expanded her sphere of interest into active work with the California State Youth Authority. Presently she is teaching special courses on juvenile laws and procedures at Ventura College.

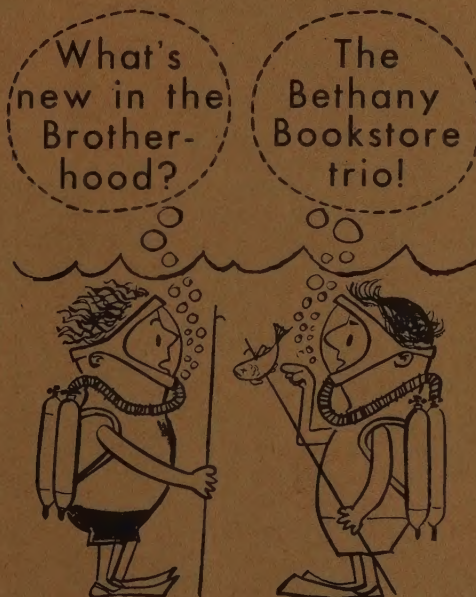
OUR NEWEST CHURCH

The newest church in Southern California is in San Luis Obispo. On March 12, a group of interested people, who are members of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), met with Russell Hensley, from the Area Office, to lay plans for the beginning of church services. After a calling blitz, on April 16, the church had its organizational meeting.

Ministerial leadership for this church is given by Charles Gibbs, pastor of the Santa Maria church and John Tyrell-Baxter, pastor of the Paso Robles church. The services are held on Sunday afternoons until permanent leadership can be secured. This is the third new church in the Coastal District within the last 18 months.



Robert Moore (right), minister of the First Christian Church of Antelope Valley, Lancaster, presented God and Country Awards to (left to right) Dale Rodericks, John Shulze, Mike Webber and Albert Greene, Jr., on Scout Sunday, February 5, 1961.



The third Bethany Bookstore, located at 3114 Los Feliz Blvd., Los Angeles 39, California, is now open to meet your needs. All religious supplies for the home, church and church school are available, or can be ordered through the Brotherhood bookstores. Bibles and Bible aids, hymnals and songbooks, books from The Bethany Press and other religious publishers, curriculum materials, news and worship bulletins, church furniture, choir and pulpit robes, religious paintings, audio-visual aids—all these and more can be purchased from your Bethany bookstore. The other two Bethany Bookstores are located at 2640 Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, and at 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana. When in these cities drop in and browse around. Send mail orders to CHRISTIAN BOARD OF PUBLICATION, Box 179, St. Louis 66, Mo.

SPARE THE FATHER

AND SPOIL THE CHILD

by Lewis R. Eloë

Christian Minister and Family Counselor.

Today, we are finding that many of the present misfits in society and break-ups in marriage, are due to father's belief that "children are a women's business," or, maybe, mothers have appropriated the whole job too eagerly, or assumed it too patiently.

Of course, the world we live in also has had its part in hi-jacking our fathers. In the last generation the children worked around on the farm with dad or helped him in his small shop in town. They knew what was expected of a man in his world and what was going to be expected of them in the grown-up world.

Today dad kisses them hastily as he dashes off early in the morning to work. He gets home in the evening just in time to chuck them off to bed. They have little idea what dad does while he is away all day. They are unable to share in his work—his hopes—his dreams—or his pitfalls!

In the meantime they are being raised by a bevy of women! Mom has to do almost all of the disciplining or else goes to the other extreme and greets dad with all their antics during the day and lets him be the hatchet man. Most of their teachers are women . . . so again they are in a woman's world away from home.

"But" . . . you say, "on the weekends I sometimes take the kids fishing or to a ball game. Isn't that being a real father?" Of course that's fine. And it is a step in the right direction, but only a step. Are your children going to grow up thinking that the job of grown men is only to entertain children?

A boy who is to take his place in the world, respecting himself and being respected by women must grow up with normal masculine patterns. Where is he going to find them, if not in the person of his

own father?

Father then has a big job. He has to share himself in all areas. . . not only in the area of recreation but in his workaday world. His religious ideals that give the moral tone to all areas of his life, also need to be shared!

Some examples of sharing could be:

1. If possible, a boy should have a chance to spend some time in his father's place of business. Let him read the stock market with you and maybe purchase a small investment of his own.

2. Allow your boy to be in the company of your friends; sharing a hobby or a part time job with a stable and successful friend is wholesome.

3. Let him participate in your service club activities. Going to a luncheon with your group is more valuable than watching a ball game.

4. Teach him some of our adult recreational activities. Why not teach him how to play golf?

5. Introduce him to the serious side of the family undertakings. Let him read your promissory notes, installment contracts, escrow papers, insurance policies, wills, and the family budget.

6. Take him with you on special occasions such as when you borrow money, buy a car, rent a home, etc. . .

7. Encourage him to participate with you in your religious life. It is important to attend church together. But it is more helpful to let him know what you believe and why. Let him see you give hope and comfort to others. Allow him to see your character!

In short, if a boy's patterns, and his inspiration do not come from his own father, they may not come at all. If he is to succeed in life, he must grow up to be a man!

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